

Invasion of the Cicadas: What's the big deal?
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INTRO:

THEY'RE LARGE – THEY'RE LOUD. THEY HAVE BRIGHT RED... GLARING EYES AND SHED THEIR EXOSKELETONS ALL OVER YOUR YARD. BUT... THEY'RE COMPLETELY HARMLESS.

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WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CICADAS... THE WINGED INSECTS THAT MAY BE SWARMING YOUR TREES AND YARDS IN DROVES THIS SUMMER. DR. BRIAN CURTIS WITH OSF HEALTHCARE... SAYS TO EXPERIENCE THE RARITY OF NATURE WHILE IT'S HERE.

TAKE SOT | DR. BRIAN CURTIS | VICE PRESIDENT OF CLINICAL SPECIALTY SERVICES | OSF HEALTHCARE

"Enjoy them. It's part of nature, right? They only come around every 15-16 years."

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WHILE THEY ARE LOUD BUGS – DR. CURTIS SAYS IT'S ONLY DURING THE DAY. SO DON'T LOSE SLEEP OVER CICADAS. AND A FUN FACT – CICADAS ARE THE STRONGEST URINATORS ON PLANET EARTH. THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO JET THEIR URINE UP TO 10 FEET PER SECOND.